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Ron Reid taps into nature's sweetness. Photo feature page 14.

IN BRIEF

The Highlands Little Theatre has been forced to postpone its production of Divorce Anyone? because cast members are down and out from the flu.

Cast member Caryl Miller says, "So much time for rehearsal has been lost to illness."

The play's director Wayne Cooper says, "the consensus of the group was that in order for us to give the kind of performance that we really want to do justice to this play we need to postpone it."

The play was originally scheduled for April 2, 3, and 4.

IN QUOTES

"I know what I saw that morning and it was such a rush. I'll remember it for the rest of my life."
Paul Prentice
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No DNA proof of cougars – yet

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

There remains no scientific proof of cougars in the Minden area.

A scat test performed on a feces sample taken after a reported cougar sighting near South Lake Road in late September has come back with inconclusive results, Bart Hilhorst of the Minden Ministry of Natural Resources said earlier this week.

The tests were performed at a ministry facility in Peterborough.

"They can't tell [what left the droppings]," Hilhorst said, adding that the Minden sample had produced a "poor sequence" of DNA

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Matt James/TIMES

Choo choo!

Grade 4 Archie Stouffer Elementary School students hop on board the March Break Express at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial arena on March 12. See page 18 for more skating shots and to find out why they were there. March Break activities are planned throughout the area.

Can Minden afford development plan?

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

With the economic turmoil currently engulfing the area, is 2009 the time to proceed with Minden Hills's proposed economic development plan?

This was a question explored by Minden Hills councillors at their meeting on March 12 and the answer for some councillors was "no."

The plan would focus on making Minden a more attractive destination for tourists by making the village more aesthetically pleasing and navigable for visitors and providing an overarching blueprint for the future of development in the area.

An augural brainstorming session for the plan was held at the Bonnie View Inn on October 14 and the project has been put out for tender among consulting firms.

A sum of $100,000 has been put aside in the township's budget this year for the creation of the plan.

However, when Councillor Barb Reid asked her colleagues last week where they were at in terms of progress with the project, Councillor Lisa Schell and Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said they were not in favour of proceeding with the plan at this time.

"I have spoken with many taxpayers who do not feel comfortable spending $100,000 on an economic development plan," Schell said.

"The time isn't right," said Murdoch. "We're in a deficit phase."

The township acquired a

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LHIN trying to reduce wait times

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The leaders of central eastern Ontario's medical facilities are doing their best to reduce wait-times and increase bed capacity for patients, the CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services says.

"Those are the two drivers we all have to respond to," said Paul

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Review looks at how and where healthcare is provided

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Rosebush as he gave a presentation to a small audience in the boardroom at the Minden HHHS site on March 11.

Rosebush's presentation was an update on the clinical services planning process that has been put in place by the Ontario government through its Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs).

The plan seeks to increase the efficiency of the province's medical facilities by clustering specialized services in strategic areas that allow anyone to reach them within an hour and a half.

"People that should have been able to receive care close to home weren't able to," Rosebush said, noting that as many as 30 per cent of surgery patients in central eastern Ontario were travelling outside of the area to receive cardiovascular and cancer-related surgeries. "Now you'll be able to get the services within 90 minutes," Rosebush said.

HHHS is one of nine medical providers in the Central East LHIN, which also includes facilities in the City of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough and Durham Region.

Chad Ingram/TIMES

Personal support worker Kathy Anderson, left, HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush and healthcare aide Susie Coumbs help Hyland Crest resident Jean Noble out of bed using one of the facility's new stationary ceiling lifts. The devices relieve physical stress on employees who can simply press a button and guide the moving process. Seventy of the devices are being installed.

The first phase of the clinical services planning process looked at relocating cardio services, maternity and children's services, mental health and addiction services, vascular services and thoracic (cancer-related) services into easily accessible clusters.

For residents of Haliburton County, it will mean these services will be available in Peterborough, whereas before a trip to Durham Region may have been required.

Vascular surgeons, for example, are quite rare and Rosebush said the Central East LHIN's vascular surgeons would be splitting their time between Durham and Peterborough to provide more accessible service.

"It was pain-staking at times," Rosebush said of the planning process, which involved 150 medical professionals and committee members.

While the restructuring will be bring benefits to the residents of the Haliburton County, the one setback may the closure of the county's only obstetrical bed at the Haliburton hospital.

The LHIN has recommended that the bed, which sees an average of 10 births a year, be shut down. Rosebush added that even Lindsay's Ross Memorial Hospital, in which 250 to 300 children are born each year, has been ordered to review the necessity of its obstetrics unit.

"They're questioning whether that is the right environment for women to give birth in," Rosebush said. "Based on numbers, there's a concern for safety and quality."

While Rosebush said for the time the closure of Haliburton's obstetrics bed "is a recommendation, it's a compelling case."

Rosebush said he would continue to look at alternatives, including utilizing the services of nurse practitioners and midwives, which may allow for the bed to remain in operation.

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Grade 6 students Callie Dick, left, Shae MacNaull and Nicole Black come up with some story concepts during a writer's workshop with author Ted Staunton.

Author taps into students' creativity

Story and photos by Chad Ingram

STUDENTS AT ARCHIE STOUFFER ELEMENTARY School got a literary lesson in subjects wild and wacky when author and entertainer Ted Staunton visited the school last week.

Staunton, who has been writing children's literature for more than 20 years, held workshops with the school's Grade 6 and Grade 2 classes on March 11 and will be returning four more times throughout the spring for lessons with the rest of the school's students.

"Working together is important for a writer," Staunton told Grade 6 students as he kicked off a brainstorming session and wordplay workshop.

Armed with a marker and poster paper, Staunton led students through an exercise where he got them to produce a number of superlative adjectives – silliest, itchiest, slipperiest and so on.

Then, using a premise from one of his own books, Staunton instructed students to come up with silly concepts using the adjectives.

"Choose any of those ideas and make them as silly as you possibly can," he said. "It's got to be silly and it's got to make a good picture."

Students Callie Dick, Shae MacNaull and Nicole Black, seated together at a table in the school's library, formed one of several brainstorming groups.

"The itchiest thing in the world is a monkey climbing down your pants with fleas and itching powder," Nicole said, reading the concept her team had come up with.

She said it was inspiring to have someone like Staunton in the school and working with students. "It's amazing there's an author in our school and I'm really enjoying it."

Nicole clearly wasn't alone. Students giggled and chatted excitedly as they worked away in small groups.

The school's librarian, Gina Stanley, orchestrated Staunton's visit and was thrilled by the author's presence.

"It validates the whole point of why we read and write," Stanley said. "It ties into the literary program where we talk about writers and the idea that someone can write for a living."

Stanley hoped that Staunton's visit would endow students with a sense of how important writing can be and allow them to realize that it's not just something to be learned in a classroom.

"What he brings is he talks to them about where he gets his ideas," said Chris Lynd, the school's literacy coach. "They can see that they can be an author. They can stretch and bend their ideas into something people want to read."

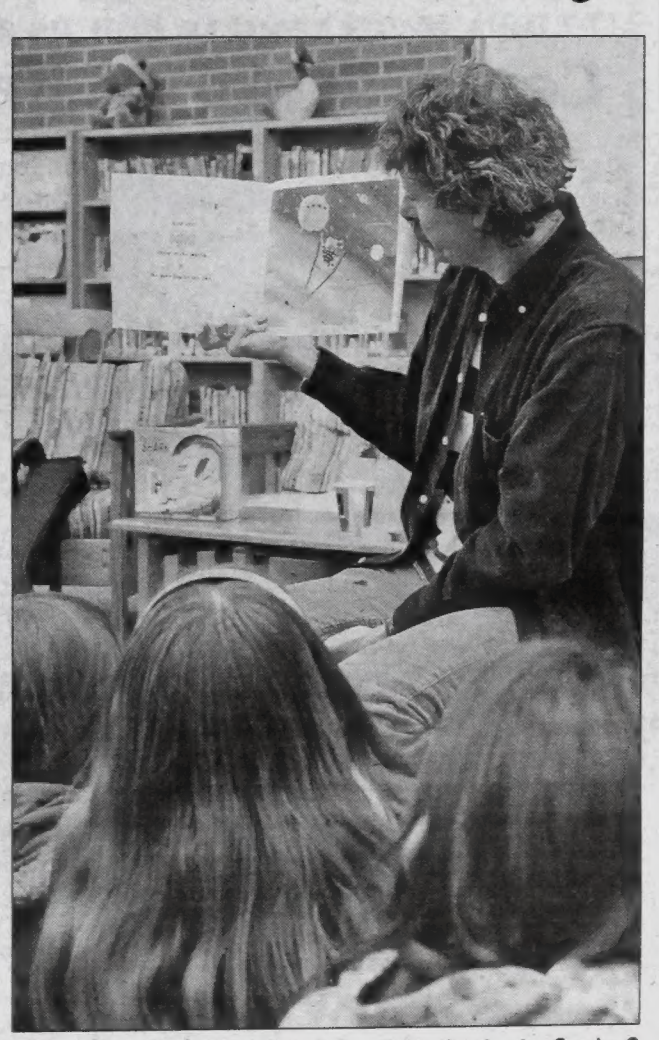
Staunton, who lives in Port Hope and has published more than 30 fiction and non-fiction books, also teaches at Toronto's George Brown College and Peterborough's Trent University.

He often visits public schools and said he learns as much from students as they learn from him.

"It's always interesting to see how they respond to the ideas you're presenting them with," he said. "They're so innovative and imaginative."

Staunton will return to the school to lead more workshops on March 25, April 1, April 8 and April 16.

The workshops are being paid for through a program headed up by Ontario's teachers' federations. Stouffer is one of 16 schools in the province receiving $10,000 for social and educational programming. The schools are located in regions of Ontario with generally poor socio-economic conditions.



Author Ted Staunton reads one of his books to Grade 6 students. He gets inspiration from the students' imagination.

Projects' costs worry councillors

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$333,500 deficit last year.

Murdoch also said she didn't think residents appreciated the idea of council moving ahead with an economic development plan while projects like Riverwalk and the new Minden Hills Library sit unfinished.

Both of those projects are scheduled to be completed this spring.

"We've got to be clear if we're changing our minds," said Reid, adding that she felt there was no better time than a recession to proceed with a plan whose goal is to improve the local economy.

However, Reid said that if councillors decide not to proceed with the project this year, then a tax rebate for residents should be considered since the plan was included as part of the township's justification for its 2.5 per cent tax rate increase in 2009.

Councillor Rick Ratcliff said he thought that Bob Smith, Haliburton County's director of economic development, tourism and marketing, should be working with the township on the project.

"Why is he not involved in this process with us?" Ratcliff asked.

Councillors will continue the discussion next month once Councillor Peter Oyler, whose portfolio includes finance, returns from vacation.

Last year's spring thaw caused flooding on many local roads, including this one in Stanhope. There are hopes that flooding won't be as bad this year because the snow is melting at a gradual rate. The Burnt River watershed is particularly vulnerable. Plans are underway to help residents cope with potential flooding.

Burnt River prepares for spring floods

Residents were given some advice on how to deal with possible flooding on the Burnt River at a recent meeting hosted by City of Kawartha Lakes Councillor David Hodgson.

Although there is a possibility of flooding given the large snow load, the warm days and colder nights is providing for a more gradual melt. In addition, the lack of significant frost is causing the water to go into the ground.

Residents who are vulnerable to flooding were given the following suggestions:

- Move furniture to the upper levels of your residence.
- Fill a sufficient number of sand bags from the supply provided by the City of Kawartha Lakes.
- If possible, make arrangements with friends or family for accommodation should it be necessary to evacuate your home.
- If you do leave your home prior to the flood or during an evacuation, please shut off the the electricity at the control panel.

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Councillors tighten their lunch belts

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors will be opting for fast food over gourmet cuisine while away on conference trips.

At a meeting on March 12, councillors voted to decrease the $80 per person per day travel food allowance that had been proposed in a bylaw by staff.

"Eighty dollars a day seems like a lot to me for food," said Councillor Lisa Schell.

A maximum of $20 for breakfast, $25 for lunch and $35 for dinner had been laid out in the bylaw.

Reeve Jim McMahon pointed out that Haliburton County's rate was $75 per person per day when away on business. "At hotels, you don't get anything for nothing," he said.

While Councillor Rick Ratcliff agreed that food at hotels was not often cheap, he said affordable alternatives could usually be found close by.

"Right across the street is East Side Mario's where you can go in and have a nice dinner for $15," Ratcliff said, adding that he had been researching the food per diems of municipal councils online and that while some were much higher than Minden's, there were some councils with much lower rates.

"Sometimes I think we get carried away with these types of things," said Councillor Bill Obee. "I just think it's too high."

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch agreed. "I'm not sure what the magic number is either," she said.

Councillors set the rate at a maximum of $10 for breakfast, $15 for lunch and $30 for dinner.

Chad Ingram/TIMES

Legion dedicated to healthcare

Dr. Elena Mihu, left, of the Kinmount District Health Centre accepts a cheque from Mary Lou Ferguson, Bernice Owens and Joe Kelly of the Kinmount Legion. The Royal Canadian Legion donated more than $4,600 to the centre, which went towards the purchases of new ultrasound and blood-pressure machines, as well as a treadmill for the building's physiotherapy department.

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EDITORIALCOMMENT

No time for second-guessing

TO PROCEED WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN, or not to proceed with the economic development plan.

That, apparently, is the question for Minden Hills council.

During a discussion at the end of last week's council meeting, it became clear that at least two members of Minden Hills council are opposed to proceeding with the plan this year.

The precarious economic times and the fact that the township acquired a deficit last year were given as reasons.

Councillors decided to continue their conversation about the future of the township's economic development plan at a later meeting once Councillor Peter Oyler, whose portfolio includes finance, returns from vacation.

The project, however, should proceed as planned.

The decision to create an economic development plan for Minden Hills was made by council because the majority of its members thought the document would serve the public good.

And, no offence, Minden could use a bit of overhaul.

The project would highlight ways to make the community more aesthetically pleasing and accessible to tourists, qualities that could help Minden compete with more popular tourist destinations such as Haliburton and the Muskokas.

While it's true that the economy is in dire straits, the answer is not a reactionary pulling of purse strings.

If America decides to adopt protectionist measures to deal with the international economic crisis, the result could be detrimental for Canada's economy.

Similarly, if the township begins curling up in a ball out of financial fear, it will affect and potentially hamper its chances for economic prosperity in the near future.

The creation of an economic development plan is a time-consuming process and it may take a number of years before the community actually begins to benefit from changes recommended in the plan.

Delaying the creation of the plan means delaying its benefits.

Also, the project has already started.

A consultant has been hired by the municipality to find a consultant to create the plan and the township is currently receiving bids.

A sum of $100,000 has been included in this year's budget for the creation of the plan. While that may seem like a large sum of money, it's proverbial potatoes in the wallet of a municipality and nothing compared to long-term economic benefits the plan could potentially yield.

Finally, in times of turmoil, economic or other, citizens need their leaders on every level of government to be affirmative and confident, providing a stable and hopeful beacon to follow through the storm.

Flip-flopping or backtracking on political decisions is no way to achieve this sense of leadership.

If council starts second-guessing its decisions too much, residents may start second-guessing their council.

Chad Ingram

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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Tapping nature's nectar *Photo by Matt James*

TOTHEEDITOR

Times readers write

A declining breed

To the Editor:

Legislators in Ontario are a declining breed; declining that is in relative numbers. This is true whether the relative number of legislators is compared with Ontario of the past or other provinces now.

As for the past, 90 Ontario legislators in 1937 each represented about 25,000 electors while in this year, 107 each represent about 80,000. Comparing other provinces, in Quebec 125 legislators now represent each about 46,000 electors. All other provinces have yet more favourable ratios of legislators to electors.

If quality of local representation is a concern, numbers clearly indicate Ontario is not doing well.

In addition, our peculiar electoral system does not allow significant differences in these bloated constituencies to be fairly represented. The solution is to create more legislators and to do so using a party list for members-at-large.

That is the logic of proportional representation. And for Ontario, the system variously known as "two X," the local member/party list or Mixed Member Proportional recommended by the Citizens' Assembly in 2007, remains the best solution.

Jim Milne
West Guilford

Just the facts

To the Editor:

I think when people write letters to the editor they should have their facts straight first.

The Canadian Tire problems are their problems, not our council's problems.

Sue Eskelin
Minden

InOtherWords

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The price was wrong

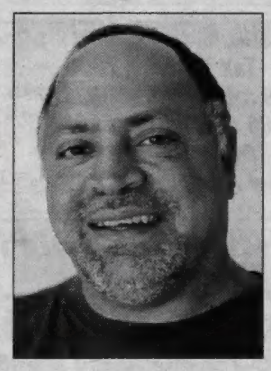
IT'S FUNNY HOW one decision can change the entire course of your life or even the history of the world. A fine example of this was put forth last week when Bob Barker, of Price is Right fame, divulged that he was offered a starring role in a porno movie before being offered the leading part in his now-famous game show. Luckily, for anyone who has ever enjoyed that show, he refused.

I'm sure we've all had to make similar, albeit less exciting, choices.

Sure, no one ever asked me to do what they asked of Bob when he was first starting out. Not that I couldn't have.

Actually, I believe that back in my prime I would have been ready for it. It might not have been a good decision but because I lacked maturity and wisdom, I probably would have accepted the offer. Gladly.

It would have seemed like the right choice. I possessed all the essential qualities. I was physically in my prime, muscular, trim, and with a full head of hair. Oh, and I was emotionally immature too. Like all young men, I was also very desperate for a little excitement. And I had a lot of energy too.



BeyondThirtyFive

Steve Galea

When the cameras started rolling I just know I would have walked out there, a little nervous to be sure, and tried my best to give a solid, highly memorable performance. At the very least I would have had a whole lot of fun.

Who knows how it would have turned out? I might have made show business history.

All I know is that if that opportunity were offered to me back then, my life would be very different right now. For one thing, I'd probably be driving a fancy sports car. No doubt I'd be wearing tacky custom-made suits. And I'd be hanging out with a very different crowd; one that some people might not approve of.

Some people might even recognize me as I walked down the street, although they'd probably pretend they didn't, because, of course, if they did that would be a confession that they saw me in action. But though no one would admit to it, even upstanding pillars of the community would be curious about my talent.

Of course, I wasn't dealt that hand. Instead, I fell into one line of work, and then another, and then another that was completely unrelated. And here I am now, writing this. There was no plan. Nor was there any rhyme or reason to it all. If the truth we're to be told, I suspect something very similar occurred in Bob Barker's career.

Still, every now and then, I do wonder about that particular option, embarrassing as it might be. I guess it's every man's fantasy. I know it's not right, but I just can't help but wonder about working with all those beautiful women, as well as the cameras, hot lights, exotic locations, cheap sets, and tacky furniture.

Yes sir, I'd walk on that set, look into the camera, and utter those magic words. "Hi, I'm Steve Galea and welcome to the Price is Right!"

I can be reached at TheOutdoorLife@aol.com

In defence of the mouse

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'm not much good at wildlife identification under the best of circumstances.

When the creature I'm trying to put a name to is skittering across the back of my hand, identification is out of the question.

Which is why I will never know whether the animal glaring at me from the threshold of my ATV shed is a mouse of the deer or the white-footed persuasion.

It is certainly one or the other because it looks like either one of them to me and I know the deer and the white-foot are the common mice of Haliburton hardwood forests like the one on Sapsucker Ridge.

White-foots in Haliburton are near the northern edge of the range, so perhaps this is a deer mouse but evidently even the experts have difficulty telling the difference.

By now, most of you will have been trying to figure out how I could mistake the look of perpetual trepidation on a mouse's face for a glare.

Perhaps the glare was coming from me after my third attempt to evict Robbie Burns's "wee, sleekit, cow'rin tim'rous beastie" from my store of chickadee fodder. (You would be timorous, too, if almost everybody you met thought of you as lunch.)

I have the lid off the garbage can that holds the chickadees' sunflower seed to scoop it into the bird feeder when the mouse first tumbles in.

One scoop of mouse, then one of seed. Repeat twice and on the third time, the mouse is on the back of my hand and then out the doorway after it stops and turns to stare at me wistfully.

BackofBeyond

Neil Campbell

And after a while I begin to ask myself why a chickadee is more deserving of my charity than this bungling, four-legged burglar.

A chickadee is not more handsome than this immaculately turned-out mouse. The bird's March whistle trumpets the coming of spring, but a mouse trills a lovely trill, too, if only we listen for it.

And a chickadee certainly is not cleaner than a forest mouse, who spend as much as 20 minutes at a time grooming itself like a cat, though it does have the unfortunate habit of treating the whole world as its lavatory.

A mouse is so far from being fastidious on this last point that it has to keep making new nests when it fouls up the old ones.

It is this last habit that so endears mice to cottagers who arrive each spring to find blanket drawers filled with reminders of their winter tenants.

Chickadees don't do that. On the other hand, they are far less useful than our forest mice, on whose tiny shoulders rests the whole economy of Sapsucker Ridge.

Just about everything wants to eat them and does, including creatures that eventually will themselves be eaten. They are dinner for everything from foxes and owls to shrews, whose venomous bites paralyze them and keeps their meat alive and fresh in reserve.

A writer of an essay I have since lost asserted that the combined weight of mice in a forest is greater than the weight of all its other animals put together.

Which may not be true, but sounds right because all of us must consume much more than our own weight to survive.

A long-tailed weasel, for example, gobbles up 1,300 mice a year, which is just as well, or there'd be no room for us.

When I bring in my winter's fuel, I watch mice work their way down the outdoor woodpile, one floor at a time, seeking new accommodations. They turn my woodshed into a mouse condo and start picking out drapes.

Years ago, unsheathing a derelict cabin, I reveal a nest of baby mice so new to this world that I see the white of their mother's milk through their pink skins.

All I can do for a moment is stare. Then I put back the plywood that covers their home.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10 as amended.

File No. MV A01/2009, Part Lot 31, Concession 9, Township of Minden, Soyers Lake,
Applicant: Terry and Susan HILL
Purpose: Proposing to demolish an existing legal, non-complying seasonal dwelling unit and replace it with one that is 17.32 sq.m. larger, with a sunroom projecting into the side yard. Variances are required from Section 4.7.4 ii) to construct a building within 15m of the normal high water mark and from Section v) to increase the floor area by more than the 25% allowed.

File No. MV A02/2009, Part Lot 4, Concession 13, Township of Snowdon, South Lake,
Applicant: Cynthia VYSE
Purpose: Proposing to attach an addition to an existing sleeping cabin that is considered legal non-conforming as it does not comply with the front yard setback requirement for property in a Rural Residential (RR) zone. A variance of 3.05m is required from Section 5.2, Table 2.

File No. MV A03/2009, Part Lot 13, Concession 11, Township of Minden, Twelve Mile Lake,
Applicant: Maura BORTOLUSSI (P Wilson, Agent)
Purpose: Proposing to fulfill conditions of a severance. Variance required as Section 4.26 does not permit a lot already legally undersized with respect to area and frontage, to be even more undersized. Also the location of existing cabin and shed to be recognized as being too close to required setbacks. Variances required from Section 5.2, Table 2 with respect to area, frontage, interior side yard and setback from high water.

File No. MV A04/2009, Part of Lot 14, Concession 13, Township of Minden, 1407 Peterson Road
Applicant: David and Ann MacKENZIE
Purpose: Proposing to demolish an existing legal non-conforming dwelling unit in the Rural Residential (RR) zone and replace it with one that is larger and higher. Variances are required from Section 4.7.4 iii) to construct 2.1m higher than permitted; from Section 4.7.4 v) to construct 61.9% larger than permitted; and from Section 5.2, Table 2 to permit the new building to be re-positioned closer to the rear and side yard.

HEARING DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 30th, 2009
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills, during normal office hours.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2009

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. 07-30
Applicant – **Stephen and Kathy BITOVE**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 1, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8890, registered January 26, 2009.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection at the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 11th day of March, 2009.

Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Planning Administrator

MEETINGS & EVENTS

March 20	Tax due date
March 26	Council, Council Chambers 9AM
March 27	Cultural Centre will be closed
April 1	Museum Stamp Launch-Museum Grounds
April 3	Cemetery Board Meeting at Community Centre 10:00 AM
July 10-12	Haliburton County Sportsman Show

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTIAL MUNICIPAL RATEPAYERS OF MINDEN HILLS

Tax Rate for 2009
2009 rate will be .00332717
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FRIDAY 1-3:30 – Open Games

Those who have not attended our recreational program but would like to join for the March break, the cost will be $10.00 for the week.
A healthy snack will be provided. Call 286-1260 ext 222 to register

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ALL WORKSHOPS ARE 9:30am—4:00pm

To sign up...call!
Pre-register for each workshop by calling 286-3763 or visit the Agnes Jamieson Gallery or R.D. Lawrence Place. For more details about the workshops visit our website:
www.mindenculturalcentre.com

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO RAISE A CULTURAL CENTRE
On the evening of March 11, the Cultural Centre celebrated its members and volunteers at a special gathering at the Dominion Hotel Pub. Thank you for all that you do to support the preservation and illumination of our culture and heritage. Thank you to the many local businesses who made donations for the event: The Storeroom, Minden Book and Stationery, My Size, The Wine Store, Country Magic, Crowne Gallery, Whispers North, Keeney Chrysler, the Goofy Moose... and thank you to our sponsor, the Dominion Hotel.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is given that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills at their meeting of March 26th, 2009 will be considering the following by-laws:

a) To adopt the Cemetery Board Budget
b) A Comprehensive Fees & Charges By-law
c) Fee for Water Service – Minden
d) Fee for Sewage Service – Minden
e) Lutterworth Pines Water Service

The Council meeting will be held at 7 Milne Street, Minden, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

For further information please contact the Clerk at 286-1260 ext. 214 or cmccarroll@mindenhills.ca

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IS SEEKING A TEMPORARY, FULL TIME, CLERICAL CLERK (MATERNITY LEAVE)

- This position provides general clerical and administrative support to both the Fire Chief and the Administration Department Staff
- The position is based on 35 hours per week
- The successful candidate must:
  - ✔ Have a solid knowledge of and a skill base in clerical functions
  - ✔ Be able to demonstrate excellent communication and computer skills
  - ✔ A minimum of one year of experience in a related position
  - ✔ A complete Job Description is available upon request

Rate of Pay: The hourly rate shall be $15.91 an hour.

Qualified parties are invited to submit their resumes, in confidence, to The Township of Minden Hills, PO Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden, K0M 2K0, attention of the Clerk, Cheryl McCarroll, or Fax (705) 286-4917 or E-mail: cmccarroll@mindenhills.ca

Envelopes should be clearly marked, "General Clerical Clerk" and submitted prior to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18th, 2009.

We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Thank you to all those who participated in TV Turn OFF!!!!
Because of the participation level we will be extending TV TURN OFF for the month of March excluding the MARCH BREAK
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The 2009 Interim Tax Bills were mailed on 'February 27th. Please ensure your civic (9-1-1) address is included in the mailing address portion of your bill to avoid return of mail by the post office. You can advise us by phone, fax or email admin@mindenhills.ca of your civic address to avoid problems in the future.

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Prentice doesn't need DNA to prove he saw a cougar

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that was unreadable due to a number of factors of which he was unsure.

"It's means there's not enough to get a positive ID," he said.

Hilhorst, a bear specialist, said that about a dozen samples of potential cougar feces had been taken from areas throughout central eastern Ontario during the last several months and tested at the Peterborough facility.

None were positive, Hilhorst said, explaining that while seven had shown a "poor sequence" of DNA, the rest of the samples had turned out to be coyote droppings.

"I was hoping for something a little more certain," he said of the results for the Minden sample.

Mindenite Paul Prentice had called Hilhorst on the morning of September 29 after Prentice spotted what he is sure was a cougar crossing Hospitality Road.

Prentice said the beige animal was too long and too low to the ground to be a deer and that it had darted quickly into the bush upon spotting his vehicle.

"My thoughts on this have always been that I don't care whether or not people believe me," Prentice said this week. " I know what I saw that morning and it was such a rush. I'll remember it for the rest of my life."

While rumours of cougar sightings have been circling Haliburton County for years, none has been scientifically confirmed.

According to Hilhorst, two cougar sightings in Ontario have been scientifically confirmed; one along the northeastern shore of Lake Erie and the other near Sioux Lookout, north of Thunder Bay.

While there are cougars in Canada, they are generally found in B.C., Alberta and the Yukon.

Should taxpayers pick up the tab for councillors' expenses?

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The township of Minden Hills will adopt a clearer policy to define just what items and services should be written off as work expenses for its councillors.

A discussion around just what are legitimate work expenses took place at a council meeting on March 12, when Councillor Barb Reid made a request that the township pay the courier bills for council documents being shipped to her home in Peterborough.

Reid has a second home in the Gull Lake area.

Since 2007, Reid said she has had 10 deliveries made to her Peterborough residence containing council agendas and documents.

Recently, Reid said she had received an invoice from the municipality for $65 pertaining to the deliveries.

She said she was surprised because she assumed the packages were being delivered at the township's expense.

"Preparing for council meetings is part of the job," she said.

Reid also said that, unlike some of her colleagues, she had not attended any conferences and hence had not cost the township any money that way.

Councillors acknowledged there was no policy in place to deal with such a situation.

Councillor Lisa Schell thought Reid should be excused of the expenses and that council should institute a policy whereby it would fall upon councillors to cover courier costs.

Councillor Bill Obee agreed.

Councillor Rick Ratcliff thought Reid should have to pay the expenses since delivery slips were being placed in her municipal mailbox since "day one."

Reid said she thought the slips were merely confirmation that the deliveries had been made.

Ratcliff said he had recently bought a day-timer he intended to use for council purposes that he was not billing it to the township.

He also pointed out that one of third of councillors' approximate $15,000 a year salary was tax-free to be used to expense-related costs.

"What do you do with your $5,000 that is tax-free?" he asked his colleagues.

Ratcliff went on to say that he thought mileage cheques should be decreased.

"I don't think we should be paid mileage to get to meetings we're being paid for," he said.

In the end, councillors decided that the township would absorb Reid's costs but that in the future courier costs to councillors' homes would be the responsibility of individual councillors.

Inspection

Public Notice
Approved 2009-2010 Annual Work Schedule
Bancroft Minden Forest

Public Inspection of Annual Work Schedule

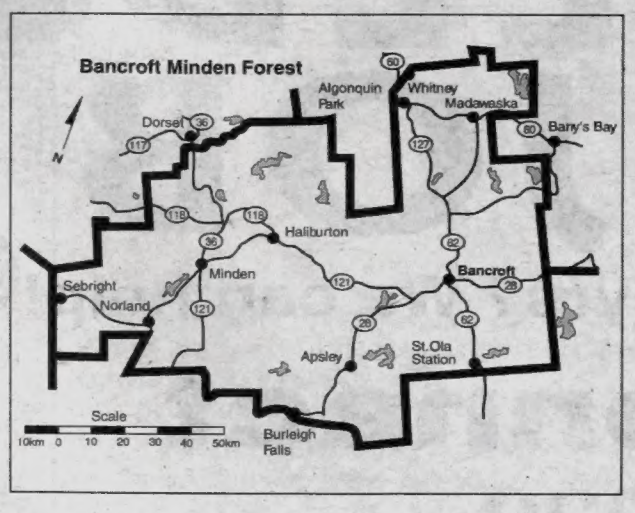
The Bancroft District of the **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)** has approved the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. 2009-2010 annual work schedule (AWS) for the Bancroft Minden Forest. The AWS will be available for public inspection at the Bancroft District office, the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office and the MNR public website at **ontario.ca/forestplans** beginning March 16, 2009.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction and maintenance, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur on the Bancroft Minden Forest between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010.

MNR has reviewed the AWS to ensure that activities are consistent with the approved Forest Management Plan.

The following are some of the operations that are scheduled on the Bancroft Minden Forest:



Tree Planting and Fuelwood

The Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. is responsible for tree planting on the Bancroft Minden Forest. Please contact them for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

For information on the locations of and license requirements for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please contact the Bancroft District office or the Minden Area office. For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc.

More Information

The approved AWS and any subsequent revisions will remain available for public inspection throughout the one-year duration of the AWS. For more information on the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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Tel.: 613-332-3940, ext. 235
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Lacey Rose, R.P.F.
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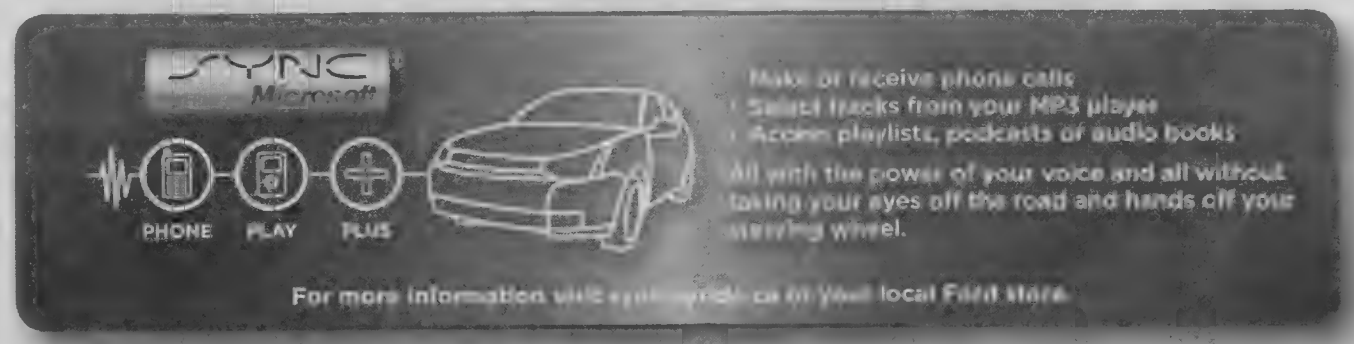

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MNR lays 18 charges in winter fishing blitz

The Ministry of Natural Resources laid charges and issued warnings during an enforcement blitz in the Minden area during the March 7 and 8 weekend.

Conservation officers checked anglers on the ice and at access points. Officers also ensured that anglers were complying with the law while fishing for species such as lake trout, brook trout and walleye.

The officers checked 79 people and issued 18 charges and 54 warnings.

Charges and warnings were issued for:

- Over limit of lake trout
- Catching and retaining slot size lake trout
- Fishing without a licence
- Failing to produce a licence
- Fishing with too many lines
- Setting night fishing lines
- Occupying unnumbered ice fishing huts
- Cutting fish so that the length can not be measured

Officers also issued warnings related to not wearing helmets on all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles, having open liquor on the ice and providing false statements to conservation officers.

For further information on fishing regulations, please consult the 2008-2009 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary, available from licence issuers or at ontario.ca/fishing.

COSSA curling champions from left are Connor Duhaime, Curtis Nichol, Jesse Walker, and Owen Duhaime with coach Tom Dibblee. They advance to the all-Ontario finals next week.

These teen curlers really rock

by **MATT JAMES**
Times Staff

Perhaps all the curling on TV lately is motivating the Red Hawks curling. On March 11 in Bancroft, the fabulous foursome of Connor Duhaime, Curtis Nichol, Jesse Walker, and Owen Duhaime captured the COSSA championship.

"It's another trophy for their amazing season," says coach Tom Dibblee.

And the competition wasn't even close. In game one the Red Hawks defeated Centennial Secondary School from Belleville by a score of 9-3 after seven ends. In game two it took the boys six ends to defeat Peterborough's Holy Cross 8-2, and in game three the Red Hawks shutout Moira Secondary School of Belleville 5-0 after just five ends.

The sweep advances the Red Hawks to the OFSAA curling championships March 25 to 28 in St. Catharines.

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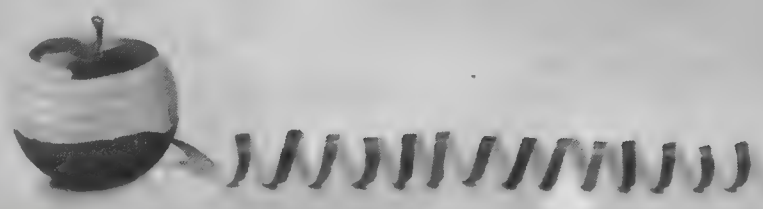

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Minden junior curlers end season

On Thursday, March 12, the Minden junior curlers completed a very successful season with a bonspiel and pizza dinner.

The 12 curlers who accumulated the most points during the regular season received medals.

These winning students will have their names inscribed on the Juniors Rock trophy, donated by Vern and Barb Gillespie.

This trophy is very special because it is made from a hickory curling stone, dating from the late 1800s and used in curling games on the Rideau Canal.

The junior curlers want to thank their dedicated coaches, Dave McKay, Jane and Scotty Boyd, Eric Casper, Royce Miller, Gord Sheehan, Danny Garbutt and Schuyler Mills for their enthusiasm, patience and expertise.

Photos by Gord Sheehan

Smiles were all around as the Minden Junior Curling Club ended their season with a bonspiel and a pizza party on March 12.

The gold medal winners were presented with their trophy by Barb, left, and Vern Gillespie, rear. Winning curlers are Emily Shapiera, Jacob Hudson, Hunter Francis, Alanna Casper and Vern Gillespie.

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A taste of spring

Kendra Klassen, 8, enjoys some snow taffy at the Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn in Gelert on March 15. The facility will be open for weekend visits now that syrup season is heating up.

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Highland dancers hope to return to their roots

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

In the basement of the Mansfields' house on Highland Gate Street in Minden, three girls practice for the Canadian Highland Dancing Championships in July – and if they're lucky the world championships in Scotland in 2010.

Rachel Burk, Sara Day and Emma Stephens are Novice dancers who, along with Hilary Bassos, are hoping to win some medals in Toronto six months from now.

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Rachel Burk, left, and Emma Stephens run through a routine for their teacher, Bre Mansfield, in preparation for a Highland dancing competition in July. They are planning to enter a dance competition in Scotland.

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Scotland in 2010 motivates dancers

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They have a lot of practicing to do – starting in May their schedule will accelerate to two formal practices a week and continuing rehearsal at home.

The hope is that they will all ascend to Premier level, meaning they will get to dance on the world stage.

The four girls – along with four younger ones – have been competing for three years under the instruction of Bre Mansfield, who used to be a highland dancer herself.

"I love it," Mansfield said.

"I love it more now than I did when I was dancing," she said.

The girls are already fundraising for 2010 – they've had a bowlathon and have a ceilidh (a traditional Scottish party) coming up in May. There are ideas of car washes, hiking for pledges, and a trash and treasure sale to raise the approximately $1,000 each they need for flights to and from Scotland.

In the meantime they continue to practice their techniques and dances, incorporating more advanced (and fun) dances for the coming Toronto competition.

Sara Day, left, and Emma Stephens have a little fun during one of their twirls in practice in Minden.

Haliburton County's Mansfield Dancers are preparing for the Canadian highland dancing championships in Toronto. From left, Emma Stephens, Sara Day (with her trophy for Haliburton Highland Games dancer of the day) and Rachel Burk.

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Skating buddies Eugene Cho and Caleb Turner enjoy their time on the ice.

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Maria Perrin, Savannah Hie, and Alyssa Oxley stablize themselves while Caleb Turner isn't as lucky and hits the ice.

Alex Wilby shows off his skating skills as he jumps over the blue line.

ASES kids are stars on the rink

Grade 4 Archie Stouffer Elementary School teachers Dianne Hagerman and Laurie Marks-O'Sullivan and their students were on their fourth and last visit to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on March 12 as part of their physical education class.

One parent on hand on Thursday said that a few of the kids didn't know how to skate. But that's all changed and now they're able to skate along with their peers, all over the course of just four visits.

Dawson Allore takes a rest from falling on the ice. The kids sure love the camera.

Kyle Wallace waves at the camera — I'm skating!

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Spinning ice into gold

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The Minden Figure Skating Club earned a total of 15 medals at the Toni Carr Memorial Interclub Competition in Peterborough on March 7.
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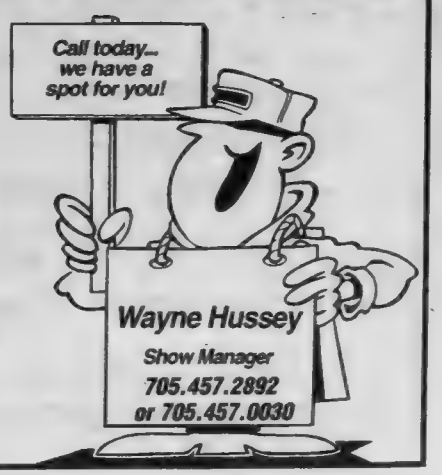

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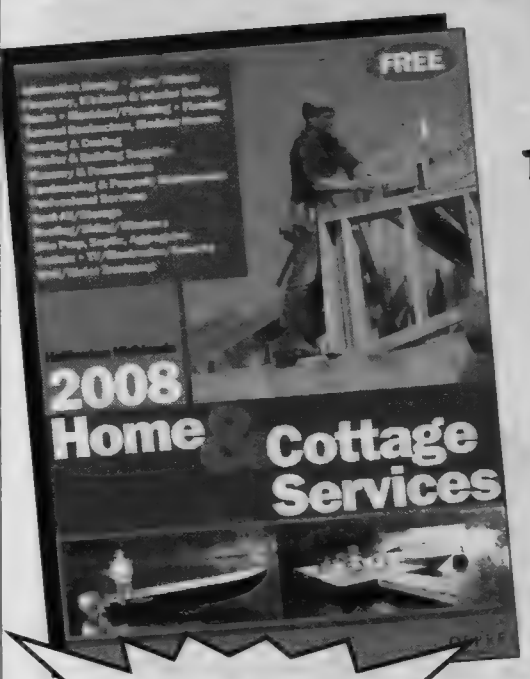

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Full turkey dinner has two meanings

AROUNDTHETOWN

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Sunday afternoon found us out for a drive to Bancroft just relishing the sunshine and scenery. Our return stop was the Mumford Station Café in Harcourt. There, the advertised Sunday special was a full turkey dinner at a reasonable cost. The food was delicious and the plate in front of us made me wonder if the adjective "full" applied to the menu special or to the customer. The menu cover featured a black and white photograph of Mumford Station circa 1920.

Back home, local author Guy Scott's book *History of Kinmount – A Community on the Fringe* (pages 102-105) more than satisfied our curiosity. The I.B.&O's first locomotive, an old wood burner of ex-Grand Trunk stock, was nicknamed Mary-Anne by its first engineer, Samuel Edward Hancock, as a tribute to his wife. Apparently Mary-Anne's initial diet of softwood and pine led to a "belching effect" that started numerous fires along the route. After the crew spent more time extinguishing fires rather than running the train, a new menu of hardwood was substituted to improve the Mary-Anne's digestion.

According to Guy Scott's book, the majority of early settlers coming to the Kinmount area were not recent arrivals to Canada but second generation. The census of 1861 did not provide a category of Canadian but listed the country of origin with only the heads of families being recorded. The Irish influence is there in the names of Galway Township and Galway Road. While those claiming English descent formed the largest group at 33 per cent Irish Protestants were next at 22 per cent and Irish Catholics third at 19 per cent. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in local history and is available from the author or at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace.

The Kinmount United Church Women's St. Patrick's Irish stew dinner & loonie auction this Friday, March 20 at the Kinmount Community Centre begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased in advance by calling 488-2129, 488-2687 or at the door.

The Kinmount Legion invites everyone to try your skill and luck at darts. There will be an open mixed dart tournament which is open to both Legion members and non-members on Sunday, March 29. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. On Friday, April 3 come out to the Easter bingo starting at 6:45 p.m. with great prizes including turkeys, hams and cash. The popular big bucks big euchre is the third Wednesday of each month starting at 11 a.m. for a fee of $10 which includes a delicious lunch. The Legion will also be the location of the spaghetti dinner & loonie auction sponsored by the Kinmount's 150th anniversary committee coming up on Saturday, April 4. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The tickets are $10 and available in advance by calling Lynne at 488-2919 or Bruce here at 488-2938. Space is limited so be sure to call soon.

Kinmount Minor Sports sends out a big thank you to all those who came out to the Valentine's Day dance, either to dance the night away or assist in making this event successful. Money raised was used to support the youth hockey program now thriving with the new arena available.

Looking ahead the annual spring dinner and auction, sponsored by the Kinmount committee for planning and economic development, will be held on Saturday, April 25 at the Galway Hall.

This event includes a live auction, a silent auction and a country raffle with a great variety of items donated. Tickets are $25 per person and sell out quickly, so if interested give Diane a call at 488-2635. If you or your business has an item to donate then Diane would be most pleased to hear from you as well.

Have a good week. Two welcome robins arrived yesterday in the dooryard. Can spring be far behind?

Patty hats for all

Hyland Crest residents Reta Hughes, left, and Leila Steinberg have lunch at the St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Haliburton Legion on March 18. Attendees were treated to music by Earl Cooper and Kathleen Owens. The luncheon was run by the Haliburton branch of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Auxiliary.

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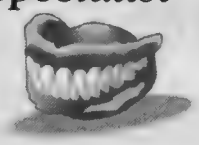

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MINDENW.I.

President, Pam Rolfe

Twelve members and two guests attended the February meeting of the Minden Women's Institute. Mary Cox was the hostess and the roll call was "Misleading Food Labels,"

The members had done their research and found some had labels from products, which we discussed. We have to be diligent if we are going to remain healthy and watch the salt and sugar content, both of which can cause problems.

Education was the topic this month and Jean spoke about the octuplets born recently in the States and reminded us of the Dionne quintuplets born in May 1934 on a farm near Calladar, Ontario and how they had been cared for by a Dr. Dafoe of Montreal. She had newspaper clippings from her scrapbooks and passed them around. Most of the members remembered vividly how the five girls were exploited, taken away from their parents to live separately and put on show and many people travelled for miles to see them. There are three still living, one having died quite young and the second about 25 years ago, but they were finally able to get some compensation from the government for their exploitation and now live quietly in the Montreal area.

The president read a few facts about the cold weather and according to *Harrowsmith* magazine, Ottawa is the second coldest capital in the world, the first being Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The percentage of Canadian landmass where the average winter temperature is above freezing is only two per cent and the coldest temperature ever recorded in Canada was -62° C at Snag, Yukon on Feb 13, 1947.

After these snippets of information, we had lunch provided by Mary and Pam and served by Del and Hannah.

The March meeting will be held at Jean's on the 18th at 1:30 p.m. For information please call Jean at 286-1618 or Pam at 754-2564.

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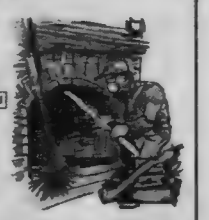

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Learn to cope with the deer

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Spring is definitely in the air and the girls at the Red Umbrella and I am getting ourselves ready for the big happening. "Blooms & Brunch" is coming up fast! Judging by ticket sales we anticipate a good turn-out.

We have Kim Tustin with her culinary skills, Sue Mills with her imaginative ways and me doing, well, what I do. Together we have organized an informal, informative and delicious outing for you to enjoy. Brunch tickets are $15 per person and seat reservations are a must. There will be three sittings for brunch: 10, 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. The gardening show will take place during brunch and until 3 p.m.

Guest speaker Kevin Duncan will be on hand to discuss deer deterrents. We all know about our deer problem but this is about coping with them in a harmless and natural way. This should be our aim; after all, we are the immigrants here.

Sharon and Tony Martella are back from their trip to Mexico. My question is: Is there anything as painful as sitting with friends reminiscing on their great holiday? Thank goodness they never sent one of those "Wish you were here" postcards.

Glad you guys are back to the real world!

March break is here and I think the kids are all at Sir Sam's Ski Hill this week. I have never seen so many children in one spot (except in a school yard), all trying to get in that last bit of winter fun. Children are like postman, nothing stops them, and they play in all sorts of weather conditions. I see that even when my granddaughter Alyssa is sick she has energy to burn and then some.

Saturday, March 21 from 1 – 4:30 p.m. the Haliburton Trails & Tours Network is offering a workshop at the Moon Shadows Estate Winery. Eric, owner/operator of Moon Shadows will lead participants through the sugar bush on snowshoes. They will learn first-hand about setting up the bush, tapping trees, and gathering sap.

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This is an advance notice for all you poker enthusiasts. Finally, the Stanhope Firefighters Association will be hosting another one of their famous Texas Hold-em Poker Tournaments at the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall.

The date is April 18 and for $40 you can compete in the tournament. Registration is at 5 p.m. with the fun starting at 6 p.m.

There will be food and drink available for sale. For more information call 705-754-3102.

Something new is happening: thanks to Weekender I will be doing a gardening column! It's always been deep in my mental list of great and desirable things to do.

Well, it's with extreme pleasure I can tell you that the first edition has been prepared and has been forwarded for including in one of the upcoming Weekender inserts in your mailbox.

Since this is a new "baby" for me I am looking forward to hearing from you with suggestions on future columns. My email address is pinereflections@sympatico.ca or reach me by old-fashioned phone means at 489-1397.

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We are all potential arthritics

DORSETNEWS

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Some time ago, my neighbour and friend, Hugh Reynolds, passed along some very interesting information after he attended an arthritis workshop given by Susan Montgomery (an occupational therapist with the Arthritis Society in Bracebridge) last June at the Dorset Seniors Club.

Arthritis isn't just aches and pains. We are all potential arthritics – that is people of all ages! There are more than 100 different diseases or conditions that affect joints, the tissues around the joints, muscles and tendons. About 17 per cent of Canadians have some form of arthritis.

Exercise is good for everyone. Doctors and therapists recommend keeping joints flexible and strong with movement (a.k.a. exercise), but controlled. Arthritics need to keep as independent as possible, especially seniors in their own homes. There is a crucial need to educate family and friends to know how much pain arthritics feel.

Susan spoke about Range of Motion (ROM) exercise programs; the risks of too much exercise; how to do what suits each person; when to exercise; how to treat muscles and joints (heat or cold); best comfortable clothing to wear; the importance of breathing; overcoming physical and psychological obstacles and much more.

One very important point (and timely for tax season!) raised by Susan was the Disability Tax Credit available to arthritics. The credit takes into account a person's income, physical condition and state of their home. A doctor's report is necessary to apply for the credit.

Revenue Canada guide RC4064 called "Medical and Disability Related Information" is readily available on line or from Revenue Canada and is a guide for people with medical expenses or impairments in mental or physical functions and anyone supporting these people. It gives information on eligible medical expenses, services Revenue Canada provides for people with impairments in mental or physical functions, as well as other information.

Susan spoke about the need for getting some kind of social support, the excellent rehab programs available, the need to lose weight, learning relaxation techniques, better knowledge

see FUNDING *page 23*

Career & Business Opportunities

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TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

SEE PAGE 8 IN TODAY'S PAPER

Funding is available

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about medication and its side effects, cause and effect of fatigue, general mental attitude and self esteem, all which affect people with arthritis.

Susan shared information on funding available from the Canada Housing and Mortgage Corporation, the March of Dimes and the Trillium Drug Program for things such as home improvements and renovations.

For more information, you can contact Susan Montgomery, Occupational Therapist at 705-645-8548, and The Arthritis Society at 1-800-321-1433 or www.arthritis.ca .

Thank you Hugh for sharing this information which I'm sure will be helpful to many in Dorset.

Special birthday wishes for the week of March 15 to 21 go out to Megan Allore, Cody Ryan, Audrey Clayton, Kaleigh Schuetze, Jason Leslie and George Sargla. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Notices

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday March 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-022/08
   Applicant: Arthur, Phyllis & Roger CHARLESWORTH
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 26, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Minden
   Nature of the Application: New Lot

2. File No. H-086/08
   Applicant: Michael BROHM & Ruthann PEARSON
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 24, Concession A, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
   Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

3. File No. H-097/08
   Applicant: POULSON FAMILY TRUST
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 17, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Sherborne
   Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

4. File No. H-098/08
   Applicant: Donald WALLACE
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 17, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Sherborne
   Nature of the Application: Lot Addition & Right-of-way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 18th day of February, 2009.

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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES
For The Health Of The Highlands

NOTICE

The thirteenth annual general meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Great Hall, Sir Sandford Fleming College, Haliburton.

2009/10 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who has been a resident* of, or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or, in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars ($10). (Membership from last year, 2008/09, will expire at the close of the Annual General Meeting on June 25, 2009.)

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. To be eligible to vote at the June 25, 2009 Annual General Meeting, new memberships must be obtained by April 6, 2009. Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination, which must be received by the Secretary of the Board at least 30 days before the day of the Annual General Meeting.

The fee may be paid and a membership card obtained at HHHS, Haliburton or Minden Hospitals, during regular business hours, or by contacting:

Marlene Vieira
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
7199 Gelert Road, P.O. Box 115
Haliburton, Ontario. K0M 1S0
705-457-2527
email: mvieira@hhhs.on.ca

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HHHS LOOKING FOR NEW DIRECTORS

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation has openings for new directors – local residents and cottage owners who are anxious to help build on the outstanding services currently provided in the county. HHHS operates facilities in Minden and Haliburton providing emergency services, acute and long term care. As well, HHHS provides countywide mental health, diabetic education and supportive housing programs.

HHHS is privileged to have an outstanding team of health professionals and facilities less than a decade old. New initiatives have been undertaken in recent years to bring HHHS into the digital age and upgrades are underway to the two emergency rooms. Challenges persist in attracting new staff, meeting the needs of our aging population and anticipating and planning for the future.

The HHHS board strives to bring together a group of individuals with knowledge of the community. All property owners in Haliburton County are welcome to apply. HHHS is particularly interested in hearing from people with knowledge and interest in any of the following areas:

- Expertise in the planning and delivery of health services,
- Expertise in health care,
- Expertise in information systems or public relations/communications,
- Abilities, qualifications and skills to assist HHHS to meet its mission and vision,
- Experience on a community board.

If you feel you have the time, energy and commitment to be a Director, then we would like to hear from you by April 9, 2009. The new Directors will be appointed at the annual general meeting in June.

For further information and an application package, please contact:

Marlene Vieira
Executive Assistant to
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Join us at 2:00 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday for Taffy-on-Snow at Sourdough Sam's Cabin (while snow lasts)

Call 286-3202 for more information (group tours)

Wise buys

Free supermarket tours in Minden and Haliburton can help people make better food choices.

Let a registered dietitian help you put the "super" back into your supermarket shopping experience.

Local residents can take part in a tour to learn about making healthy food choices when going grocery shopping. The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is offering the following free supermarket tours:

• In Haliburton Village on Wednesday, March 25, at 1:30 pm at Foodland Haliburton (188 Highland Street).

Pre-register by calling the Health Unit at 705-457-1391, ext. 245.

• In Minden on Tuesday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m. at the Minden IGA (Highway 35). Pre-register by calling the Health Unit at 705-457-1391, ext. 245.

"Take part in one of these events to find out how to help your family eat better and enjoy healthier meals," says Rosie Kadwell, a registered dietitian with the HKPR District Health Unit.

During each event, a registered dietitian will help participants learn to read food labels, understand claims made on food products and make the healthiest choices for their families when they fill their grocery carts. Special reference will be made to Eating Well With Canada's Food Guide (www.healthcanada.gc.ca/foodguide) as the basis to plan meals and make up grocery lists. Each person will also receive take-home nutrition information.

community calendar

What's happening in Minden

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca

Having an event this summer? List it for free in the Summer Guide
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- **March 16 – 21: This March Break visit your local Library Branch for some reading fun** – From March 16 – 21 for every book a child reads to an adult, or vice versa, they receive a colouring sheet. Detach the ballot on the bottom of the colouring sheet and enter to win a children's book. There's one prize per library branch but you can enter as often as you wish.
- **March 18: Minden W.I. Meeting** – The March Meeting will be held at Jean's at 1:30 p.m. Held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at a different location each month. Please note no meeting is held in July or August, December is on the 2nd Wednesday not on the 3rd. For more information please contact call 754-2564. Guests are welcome to join us.
- **March 18: The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists** – will be welcoming Thom Lambert to talk about spring songbirds and other soon to appear signs of spring at 7 p.m at the Haliburton Museum on Bayshore Rd, off Hwy 118. In addition to this presentation, the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust will be launching their new Species At Risk journal. Every is welcome to attend.
- **March 19: OEYC Play and Learn visits Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce** – From 9:30 a.m. – noon. Families with children from 0-6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone Julie at 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989.
- **March 20: Circle of Hope** – Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.
- **March 24: Have you had enough of winter? Join the Minden OEYC and go to the sunny south in March and learn to Hula dance and limbo!** - Have fun dressing up as Hula dancers or sailing on the pirate ship. Please sign up for our Hawaiian Luau on the March 24. For more information please call 286-1770.
- **March 25: Figure Out Food Labels Tour, Foodland Haliburton (188 Highland St) 1:30 p.m.** - A Registered Dietitian with the Health Unit will help participants learn to read food labels and understand product claims. Take-home material provided. Free Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391, ext. 245.
- **March 26: The Univeristy Women's Club of Halilburton Highlands** - invites its members, their guests and other interested individuals to the program section of its March meeting at Fleming College at 7 p.m. Guest speaker is Seana O'Neill, founder of Cottage Dreams, a cancer recovery program.
- **March 28: Opera With a Twist and a Kiss, The Haliburton Concert Series** - Northern Lights Pavillion at 7:30 pm. Peter and Andi Alexander, soloists, accompanied by one of Vancouver's top pianists, Karen Lee-Morlang. Call 457-9731 for cost and info.

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a free entree for you and your friend March 23-31 only 8:30 am – 4 pm. Available for pickup or delivery. If you would like delivery you must Call your order in no later then the 25th at noon.
Some Conditions Apply: The person you refer must be a new participant in the Meals on Wheels program at Community Care Haliburton County. The friend must also sign on as a participant during promotion week. In-stock order items only, no rain checks.

Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery needs volunteers to visit donated cottages across Haliburton County from April – September. Please call Debbie at 457-9100 or program.info@cottagedreams.org

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis.** While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca., or brought in to the office.
Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events in the Highlands.

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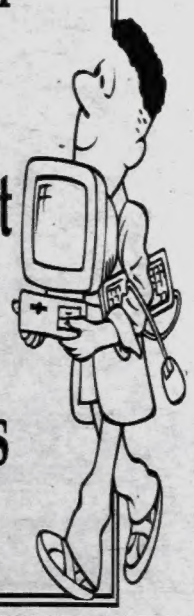

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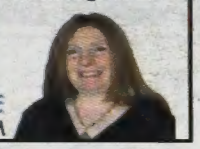

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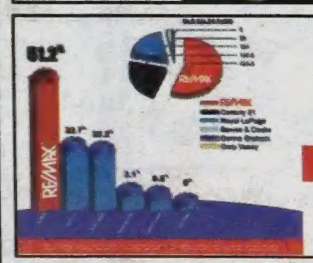

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